

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT #1**

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 22, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, Sitting as the Governing Body of Fire District #1, was called to order at 9:09 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2000, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Works; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Kenneth Doonan, Doonan Truck & Equipment, 11118 W. Kellogg, Wichita, Ks.
Ms. Sue Doonan, Doonan Truck & Equipment, 11118 W. Kellogg, Wichita, Ks.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner McGinn was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting, July 14, 1999**
- Regular Meeting, November 10, 1999**
- Regular Meeting, December 15, 1999**
- Regular Meeting, January 19, 2000**
- Regular Meeting, February 9, 2000**
- Regular Meeting, February 16, 2000**

The Clerk reported that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of July 14, 1999; the Regular Meeting of November 10, 1999, all Commissioners were present; the Regular Meeting of December 15, 1999, Commissioner Sciortino was absent; the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2000, all Commissioners were present; the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2000, all Commissioners were present; and the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2000, Commissioner Hancock was absent.

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, we've got three that everyone was here. What's the will concerning November 10, January 19, and February 9."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Mr. Chairman, if we could add the July 14 because Commissioner McGinn was absent, but she wouldn't be voting on this Motion today."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Regular Minutes of the Meetings of July 14 and November 10, 1999, and January 19 and February 9, 2000.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Considering the Minutes of December 15, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 1999.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Abstain
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "And the Minutes of February 16, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2000.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Abstain
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "That concludes the Minutes. A lot of Minutes to take care of. Next item."

DONATION

A. DONATION FROM KENNETH AND SUE DOONAN, DOONAN TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, TO BE USED FOR THE TACTICAL MEDIC PROGRAM FOR THE SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM.

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is an extreme pleasure to be here today to accept some assistance from private citizens in Wichita/Sedgwick County. Basically, about a year ago, through the vision of Chief Hershberger, with the Wichita Police Department and members of his team, Captain Haynes, Lieutenant Bridges, SWAT Team Commander, Lieutenant Bohannon, and again addition of another agency, Captain Joe Couey from the Wichita Fire Department. They envisioned

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some way to assist law enforcement when they go into hostile situations, such as Littleton, Colorado, Atlanta, Georgia, and many numerous situations and schools all over the Nation, the different shootings we've had in the past two years specifically. The Wichita Police Department asked us to partner with them in looking at a vision to create a medical SWAT team assistance program.

"Basically, we set this up in March of 1999. Again, working in liaison with them. The purpose of the said team is comprised of eight paramedic fire fighters, three from the County and five from the City. Again, they are designed to go in to help under hostile situations, to go in and assist downed law enforcement officers, downed citizens, through either trauma or medical situations. This is used primarily when EMS response is delayed. That is delayed, usually, again for safety of the responders.

"The donation of these funds will send these people to probably the elite tactical medical school called CONTOMS in Des Moines, Iowa, and also Raintree, Massachusetts, during the months of April and June. The donation will pay for the course fees. They pay for the dorm fees and so forth, so we only have to provide travel. Again, this is a great aid. When Mr. Doonan heard about this, again, he's here today with his wife, and they stepped forward and said 'is there any way we can assist you in attending this training because we feel this is needed in the society'. At this point, I'm available for any questions and also Ken and Sue Doonan may have some comments for you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Chief. Would you please introduce the rest of the folks who are here beside the Doonans?"

Chief Curmode said, "On my right is Sue and Ken Doonan. I have Lieutenant Bohannon, Lieutenant Bridges, Chief Hershberger, Captain Haynes and to his right, Captain Joe Couey."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. I certainly want to express, on our behalf to the Doonans, your commitment to this project and your stepping forward to really help in seeing this goes forward. We certainly appreciate it. I'd certainly ask you if you'd like to make some comments, either of you. Please step up and make a couple of comments."

Ms. Sue Doonan said, "It is our pleasure to be here and to provide this. As you know, our son was in a situation and he laid there for an hour. If they could have gotten in there to give him medical attention, it wouldn't have taken them so long. We feel like this is needed and it is our pleasure to be here. Thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any other comments? We certainly do appreciate your willingness to help on this project. It is a big plus. Kenneth, would you like to make a comment or two?"

Mr. Ken Doonan said, "Well, when my son's office was shot up, had we had this kind of tactical, medical, paramedics to be able to get into the office, there would be six more people alive today. They absolutely kept the ambulances and EMT crews over a block and a half away, would not let them in, until they found the shooter who was long since gone. So, had we had the people trained to be able to get in to help these people . . . And the teacher in Denver in the Columbine shooting laid there 4 ½ hours, bled to death. I don't think the rest of the people know how important this is. This, to me, is more important than the SWAT team, once the SWAT team has got it under control. The shooting thing is not going to go away, it is only going to get worse. If we're trained to help keep people alive, that is what our jobs, as citizens, is. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Mr. Doonan and Mrs. Doonan, we read with interest and concern about your son. How is he doing? Can you give us an update?"

Mr. Doonan said, "He is doing wonderful. He is basically fully recovered. To quote him, he says 'he is short some parts and some parts of parts', but he is doing just fine. He was up, flew in, unbeknownst to me Friday night for a surprise 50th birthday party. It was really really good to see him."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's great. We're all glad to know he is recovering so well."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you both. We appreciate it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Chief Curmode, how do you select the individuals from your department to be a part of this team?"

Chief Curmode said, "Commissioner, first of all, they had to be paramedic trained, which takes about a year and a half to two years today. You don't want to have too large of numbers, yet you need to have a set number of people that are trained in the event of vacation, sick leave, and so forth. So, in something

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this important but dangerous, we discussed again with Chief Hershberger, what is the best ways to select people. Again, we looked for volunteers. So out of our seven paramedics, we had five that go through a various rigorous training program to get on the team, interview process, agility, and so forth. We had three pass. The City had five pass. Then again, just like recently, they started some training at North High the other night. They were at North High from eight o'clock to about one in the morning doing some school situations already, again, teaming with Wichita Police that have this expertise. Then how can we bring both those expertise together to provide a real worthwhile service. That is how we select them."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you all very much."

Chief Curmode said, "Thank you for your support."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Euson, with three of us on the bench, we can take a valid vote with only three of us on the bench, can't we?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "You should have a quorum."

Chairman Winters said, "I know Commissioner Sciortino has stepped off the bench for just a moment, so we will wait to vote. Sedgwick County is always very involved with the State Legislation and the session as the session is in place. Commissioner Sciortino has left the bench to talk to a State Legislator concerning business that effects Sedgwick County, so that is where he has been and here he is back. I explained that you were taking an important phone call dealing with State Legislators. We're ready to take a vote to receive and file and accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign, do I have a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign an letter of appreciation and express a special thanks to Sue and Kenny Doonan. Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you all again very much for being here. Is there other business to come before the Fire District Board? Seeing none, we will adjourn the Fire District Meeting."

B. OTHER

C. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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